

Announcements

- Case Videos (*for display in the AATS Learning Center located in the Exhibit Hall*)

Plenary and Simultaneous Session Abstracts may be submitted for the following categories:

- Adult Cardiac
- Congenital
- General Thoracic
- Perioperative Care

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Waiver of mandatory manuscript submission for publication in JTCVS may be requested at the time of submission.

The AATS is also accepting abstracts for the Allied Health Poster Competition until January 6, 2015. More details can be found at www.aats.org/annualmeeting.

AATS Clinical Trials Methods Course

October 23-25, 2014
Hyatt Regency O'Hare, Chicago, IL

The AATS is pleased to announce its inaugural **AATS Clinical Trials Methods Course** co-chaired by Drs David H. Harpole and Marco Zenati, October 23-25, 2014. With the continually evolving nature of clinical trials, the course will provide an intensive and interactive training program for 40 cardiothoracic surgeons across all subspecialties to acquire the critical skills and better understand the essential steps in effective clinical trial design and implementation.

The 2-and-a-half-day program will include an expert faculty of both cardiothoracic surgeons and biostatisticians who will mix didactic lectures with hands-on breakout sessions to help address the challenges in translation from "bench" to clinical protocols and level-A comparative effectiveness clinical research.

For more information and to secure your registration or housing, please visit the AATS Web site (www.aats.org).

AATS Focus on Thoracic Surgery: Novel Technologies in Lung Cancer

November 21-22, 2014
Renaissance Boston Waterfront Hotel
Boston, MA

Lung cancer is the second most common malignancy in the Western world and the most common cause of cancer-related death. Recent innovations in diagnosis,

staging, and management of early stage and locally advanced non-small cell lung cancer have changed the paradigm for surgical management of lung cancer patients. A virtual explosion of technological development has enabled widespread use of minimally invasive approaches that current and future thoracic surgeons must embrace to improve the care of patients with lung cancer.

Join us in Boston once again as the AATS highlights these recent developments in its 2014 "Focus on Thoracic Surgery" program, which will focus on Novel Technologies in Lung Cancer. The faculty includes internationally recognized experts in lung cancer and application of new technology for its surgical management. We look forward to seeing you in Boston!

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Course Highlights:

- Imaging and Staging
- Surgical Alternatives
- Simulation, Education, and Training
- Optimal Management of Lung Metastases
- Credentialing/Efficiencies
- Intraoperative Management
- Advanced Minimally Invasive Techniques

For more details and to register, please visit: <http://aats.org/lungcancer>.

2015 AATS Grant Writing Workshop

March 6, 2015, Bethesda, MD

Organized by the AATS Scientific Affairs and Government Relations Committee, the 2015 AATS Grant Writing Workshop will take place on **Friday, March 6, 2015**, at the Doubletree Bethesda in Bethesda, MD (9 miles from